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Record-number expected on opening-day rosters

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STATESBORO - Five former Georgia Southern football players made initial 53-man NFL rosters and are expected to take the field this weekend. In recognition of these five players, Georgia Southern is announcing a #StatesboroToSundays campaign to recognize the accomplishments of these players. Virtual billboards are being created and will be posted and weekly updates will be given on the video board at Allen E. Paulson on game days.

Georgia Southern will open the season with five players on active rosters, the most since having six making the initial list in 2017. Additionally, 1/16 of all starting NFL kickers in Week 1 played their college ball in Statesboro as rookie [Tyler Bass](#) (Bills) and Younghoe Koo (Falcons) won their respective jobs. Two rookies made NFL rosters, Bass in Buffalo and cornerback [Kindle Vildor](#) in Chicago. And of note, four of the five players weren't on the 2019 opening day roster of their current team.

Here's a list of all five will be playing this week:

[Tyler Bass](#), PK, Buffalo Bills

Game 1: vs. New York Jets

Sunday • 1 PM • CBS

Matt Breida, RB, Miami Dolphins

Game 1: at New England

Sunday • 1 PM • CBS

Younghoe Koo, PK, Atlanta Falcons

Game 1: vs. Seattle

Sunday • 1 PM • FOX

Jerick McKinnon, RB, San Francisco 49ers

Game 1: vs. Arizona

Sunday • 4:25 PM • FOX

[Kindle Vildor](#), CB, Chicago Bears

Game 1: at Detroit

Sunday • 1 PM • FOX

Of note: Ukeme Eligwe (Raiders) opted out of the season due to COVID-19 concerns and [Donald Rutledge Jr.](#) (Colts) and JJ Wilcox (Falcons) were waived by their respective teams on cut-down day last Saturday.

Eagles in the NFL History

The following former Georgia Southern players saw action in at least one NFL regular-season game, were with a team for a full season or made the 2020 roster and are scheduled to play this year:

TYLER BASS, PK

Buffalo Bills (2020-present)

ROB BIRONAS, PK

Tennessee Titans (2005-13)

MATT BREIDA, RB

San Francisco 49ers (2017-19)

Miami Dolphins (2020-present)

UKEME ELIGWE

Kansas City Chiefs (2017)

New York Giants (2018)

Las Vegas Raiders (2019)

DARIUS EUBANKS

Minnesota Vikings (2013)

Cleveland Browns (2013-15)

Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2015)

Dallas Cowboys (2016)

EDWIN JACKSON, LB

Indianapolis Colts (2015-17)

YOUNGHOE KOO, PK

Los Angeles Chargers (2017)

Atlanta Falcons (2019-present)

JERICK MCKINNON, RB

Minnesota Vikings (2014-17)

San Francisco 49ers (2018-present)

EARTHWIND MORELAND

New York Jets (2000)

Cleveland Browns (2001-03)

New England Patriots (2004)

ADRIAN PETERSON, RB

Chicago Bears (2002-09)

FRED STOKES, DE

Los Angeles Rams (1987-88; 1993-94)

Washington Redskins (1989-92)

St. Louis Rams (1995)

New Orleans Saints (1996)

KIWAUKEE THOMAS, CB

Jacksonville Jaguars (2000-04)

Miami Dolphins (2005)

Buffalo Bills (2006-07)

J.J. WILCOX, S

Dallas Cowboys (2013-16)

Pittsburgh Steelers (2017)

Indianapolis Colts (2018)

Atlanta Falcons (2019)

ANTWIONE WILLIAMS, LB

Detroit Lions (2016)

Minnesota Vikings (2017)

KINDLE VILDOR, CB

Chicago Bears (2020-present)

DAVID YOUNG

Jacksonville Jaguars (2003)

New York Jets (2003)

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